



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**MESSAGE**

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**TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
EIGHTY-FOURTH TEXAS LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION:**

The faith and trust that Texas citizens place in their elected officials requires each of us to conduct the business of the state in the most transparent and honest manner possible. Strengthening our ethics laws relating to disclosure of state contracts with elected officials, prohibiting lawmakers from voting on legislation from which they could profit and increasing disclosure of campaign finance information will ensure a more responsible government for Texas.

THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and by this special message, do hereby submit the following emergency matter for immediate consideration to the Senate and House of Representatives of the 84th Legislature, now convened:

Legislation relating to ethics.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

Austin, Texas  
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